

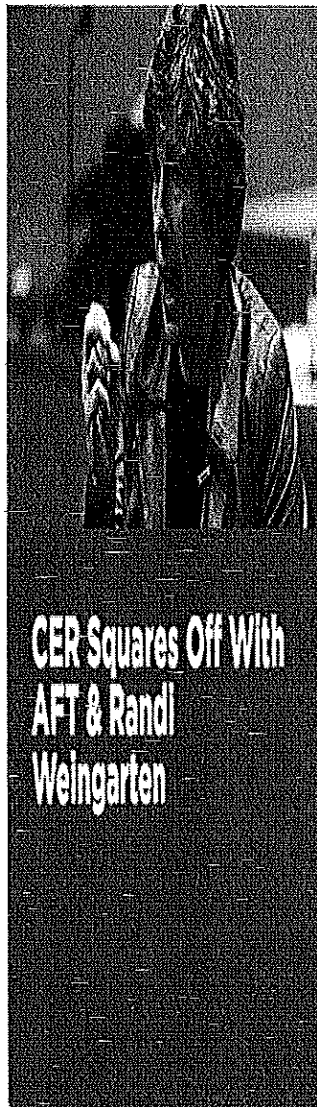
WILD WEST OUTPERFORMS. "If Arizona's public charter students were separated and measured as their own state, it would rank among a handful of the top-performing states in the entire country on the Nation's Report Card," says the Arizona Charter Schools Association. For the third straight year Arizona's charter school students have beaten the averages in the state's AzMERIT scores in virtually every subject area and at every grade level. And, we'll also note, per the item above, that Arizona was not far behind Minnesota in launching charters – opening their first school in 1995. The state now has 556 schools that serve 185,000 students. No wonder both Arizona and Minnesota score high on the 17th Edition of CER's National Charter School Law Rankings & Scorecard.

MEANWHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ... Rumors that a federal effort to expand education opportunity has stalled are premature and exaggerated. A story today in Politico quoting insiders and those claiming to be in the know about the issues is, well, out-of-the-know. Interest in ensuring that more Americans have real access to education opportunity remains high on active issue on Capitol Hill and throughout Washington. How and who participates, and when it gets done actually takes a long time when dealing with a complex representative democracy (NB: readers may want to consult Tocqueville about this). Indeed thousands of supporters from around the country have been flooding Washington, meeting with their members of Congress within their own communities and working to educate the policy makers and policy leaders about why this issue matter. As they say in politics, "those who say don't know, and those who know, don't say."

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AND IN CASE YOU MISSED IT. Log onto EdReform.com for the latest on the AFT Chronicles or the ongoing effort by African-American leaders to show

they have a different point of view on educational opportunity than many established organizations who claim to represent their views.

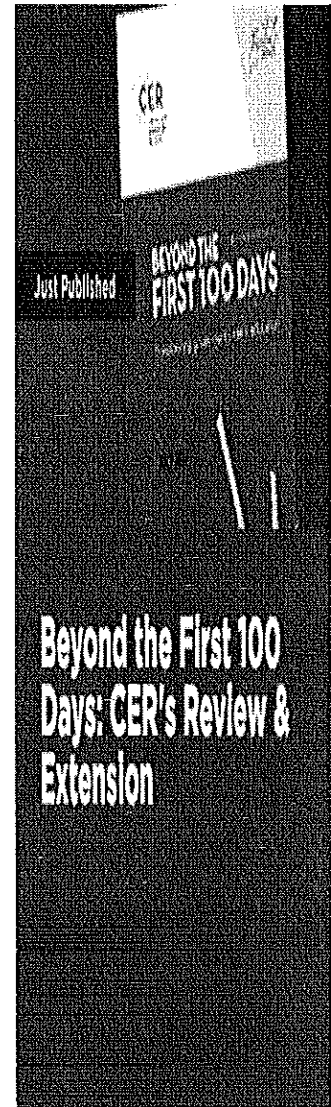


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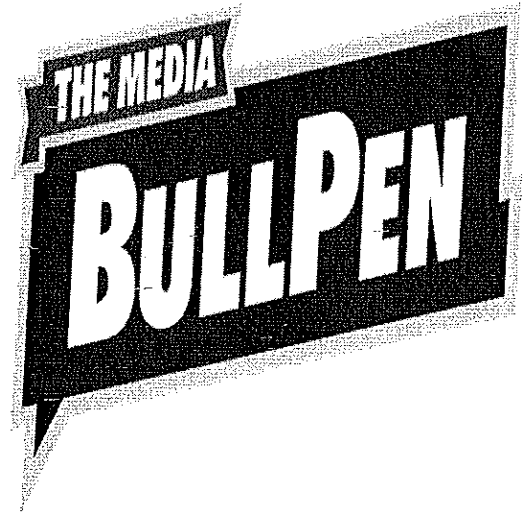
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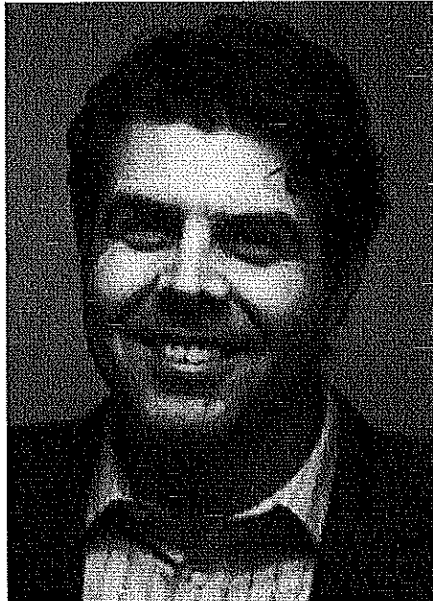
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Subject :
Support SB 129 & HB 189

Message :

As a resident of the state of Ohio and your constituent, I would like to show my support for SB 129 and HB 189. This legislation will bring common-sense cosmetology licensing reform to our state. I hope I can count on your support for these initiatives.

The time for reform is now. Over 20 Ohio schools of cosmetology have closed within the past year. We need more licensees to fill open positions all across Ohio and the reforms contained in SB 129 and HB 189 will make governmental barriers to entering the cosmetology profession a much-needed floor, rather than a ceiling.

There is a need for more cosmetologists to fill open positions all across Ohio and the reforms contained in SB 129 and HB 189 will make governmental barriers to entering the cosmetology profession a much-needed floor, not a ceiling.

Here are the facts:

- 1) Licensed Paramedics only need 900 hours of education to save your life; it still takes 1,500 to become a cosmetologist in Ohio.
- 2) Studies show that 1,000 hours is the appropriate number of hours for cosmetology licensure;
- 3) This legislation levels the education playing field. Public high schools are already producing graduates at around 1,000 hours of cosmetology education who pass the state licensure exam at the same rate as private school students who are saddled with more hours (1,500 hours) and significant debt to repay; and
- 4) This law makes getting a license in Ohio fair. License mobility will make it easier to get licensed in

Ohio and to come to Ohio to work. Ohio does so already for military members and families and we want everyone to have the ability to easily move their license to Ohio.

Once passed, SB 129 and HB 189 will accomplish the above as well as maintain the primary focus on student success, allowing new graduates to enter the beauty industry with less debt and the ability to repay student loans, facilitate the workforce development pipeline for salons, and foster entrepreneurship, making it easier for license

From: Richard Lewis
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 5:33 PM
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Subject: Please Oppose House Bill 298

Ryan Smith,

I am writing you today to ask that you oppose House Bill 298, legislation that will take away my right and the rights of many of your constituents to collectively bargain for a better life.

House Bill 298 takes language straight from Senate Bill 5 dealing with sick time and tries to pass it as a standalone. Senate Bill 5/ Issue 2 was soundly defeated in 2011 by Ohioans who believe that collective bargaining shouldn't be restricted by politicians in Columbus.

I am making sure that your constituents know the truth- that this is just the first step in trying to limit what we can collectively bargain for. Today, it's about sick time; tomorrow it's about how we collectively bargain over pay, safety in the workplace and the how we grieve unfair working conditions. Please help me fight back against attempts to silence my voice at the workplace by opposing House Bill 298.

We didn't send you to Columbus to limit our voice at the workplace. We elected you to stand up and speak for us, create good jobs in your district and raise everyone's wages. Please tell Representative Merrin that you are not interested in making it harder for your constituents to collectively bargain for a better life and that you are opposed to House Bill 298.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing your position on this terrible legislation. Have a great day.

Richard Lewis

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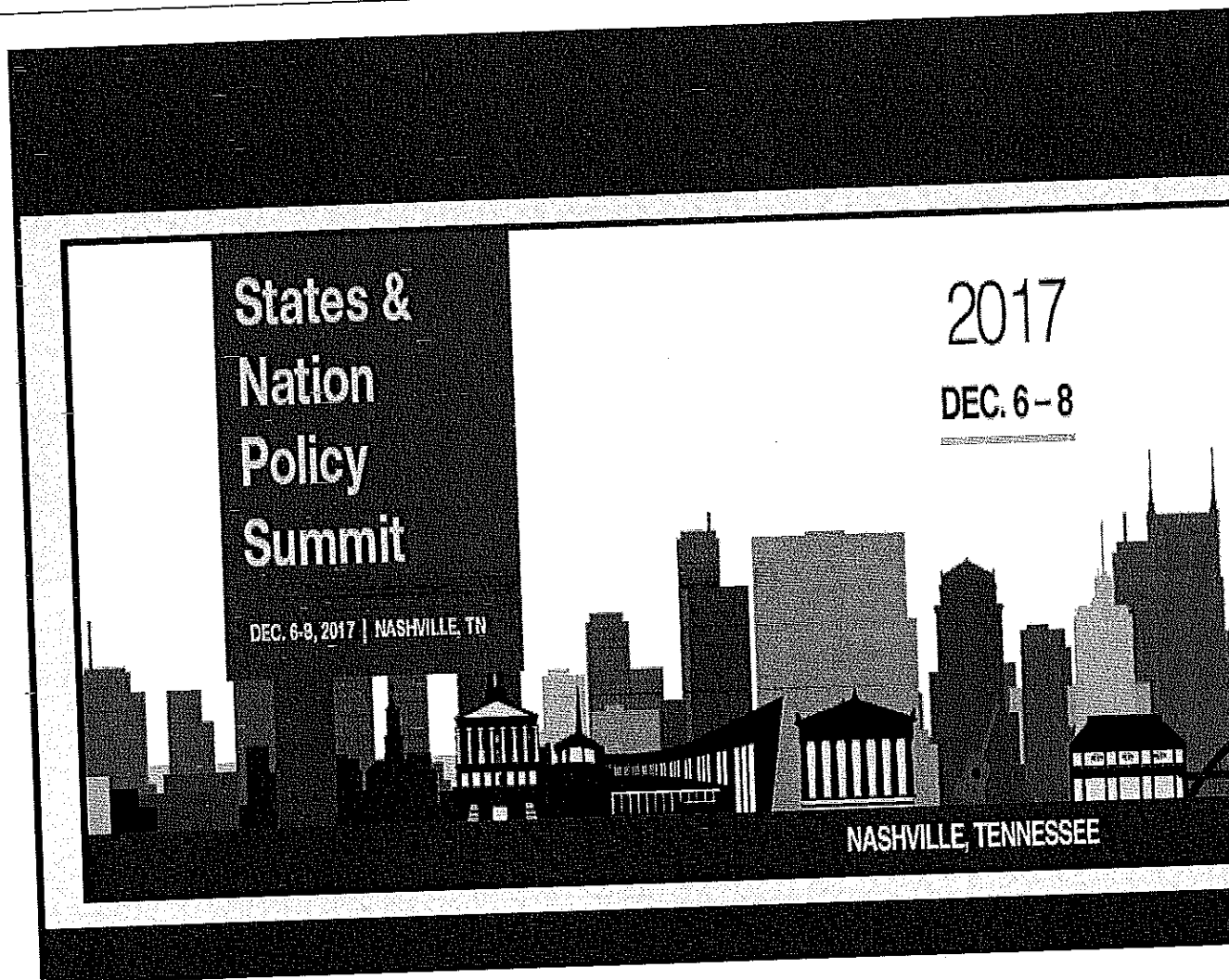
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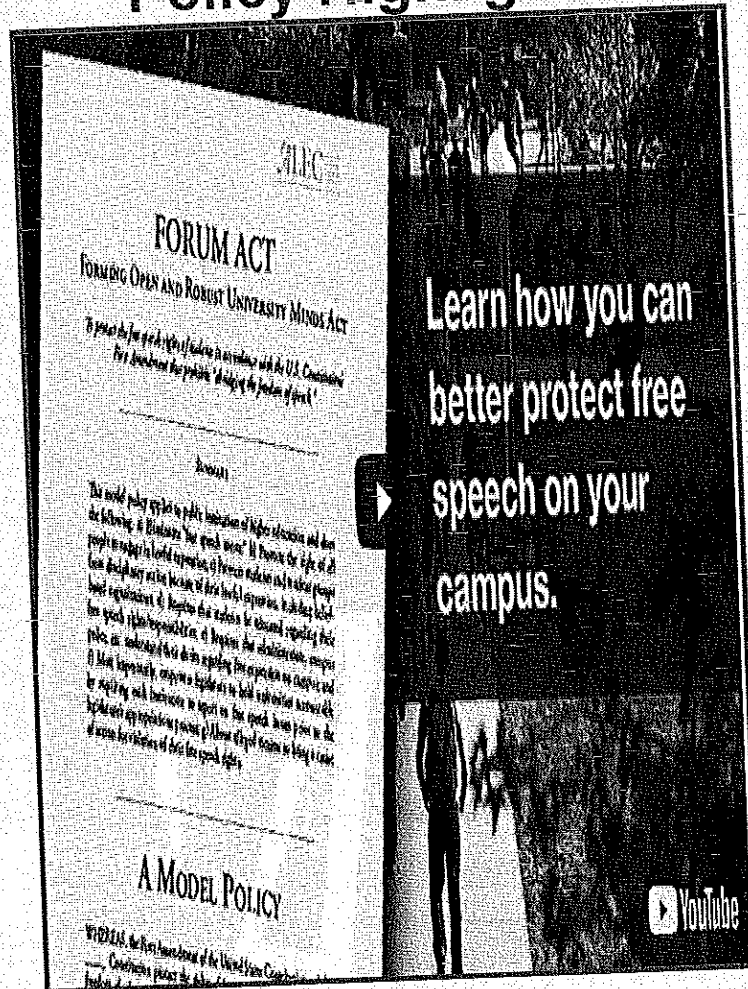
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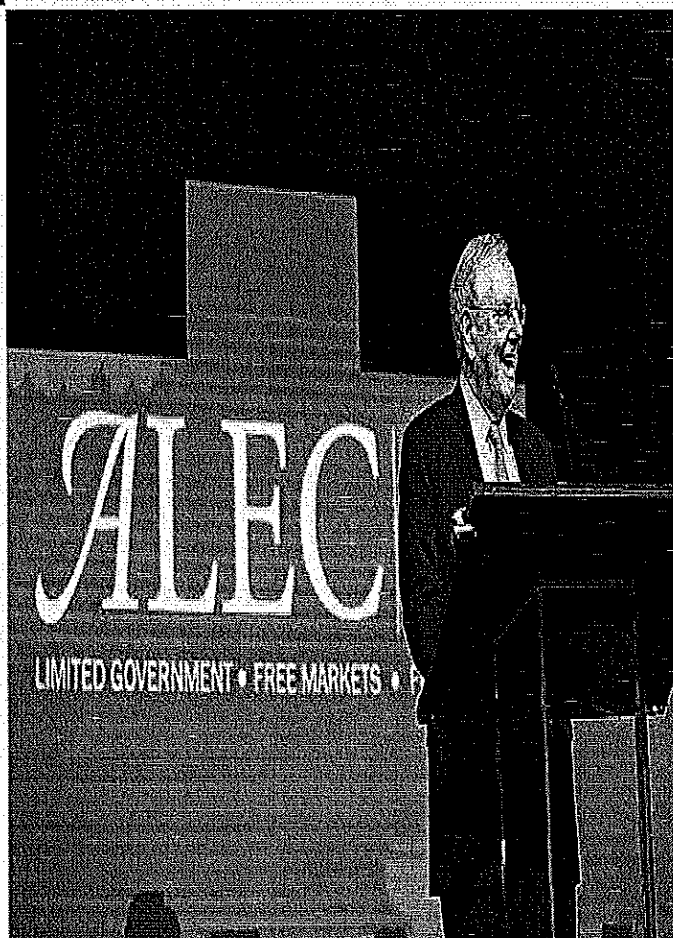
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Agenda at a Glance

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<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
· Registration	· Registration	· Registration	· Registration
· Exhibitor Set-up	· Exhibit Hall	· Breakfast	· Breakfast
	· Subcommittee Meetings	· Exhibit Hall	· Exhibit Hall
	· Legislative Staff Fellowship	· Training	· Training
	· Training	· Legislative Staff Fellowship	· Legislative Staff Fellowship
	· Opening Lunch	· Workshops	· Workshops
	· Workshops	· Lunch	· Lunch
	· Chair's Reception	· Task Force Meetings	· Task Force Meeting
· Welcome Reception	· Task Force Receptions	· Task Force Receptions	· Task Force Receptions
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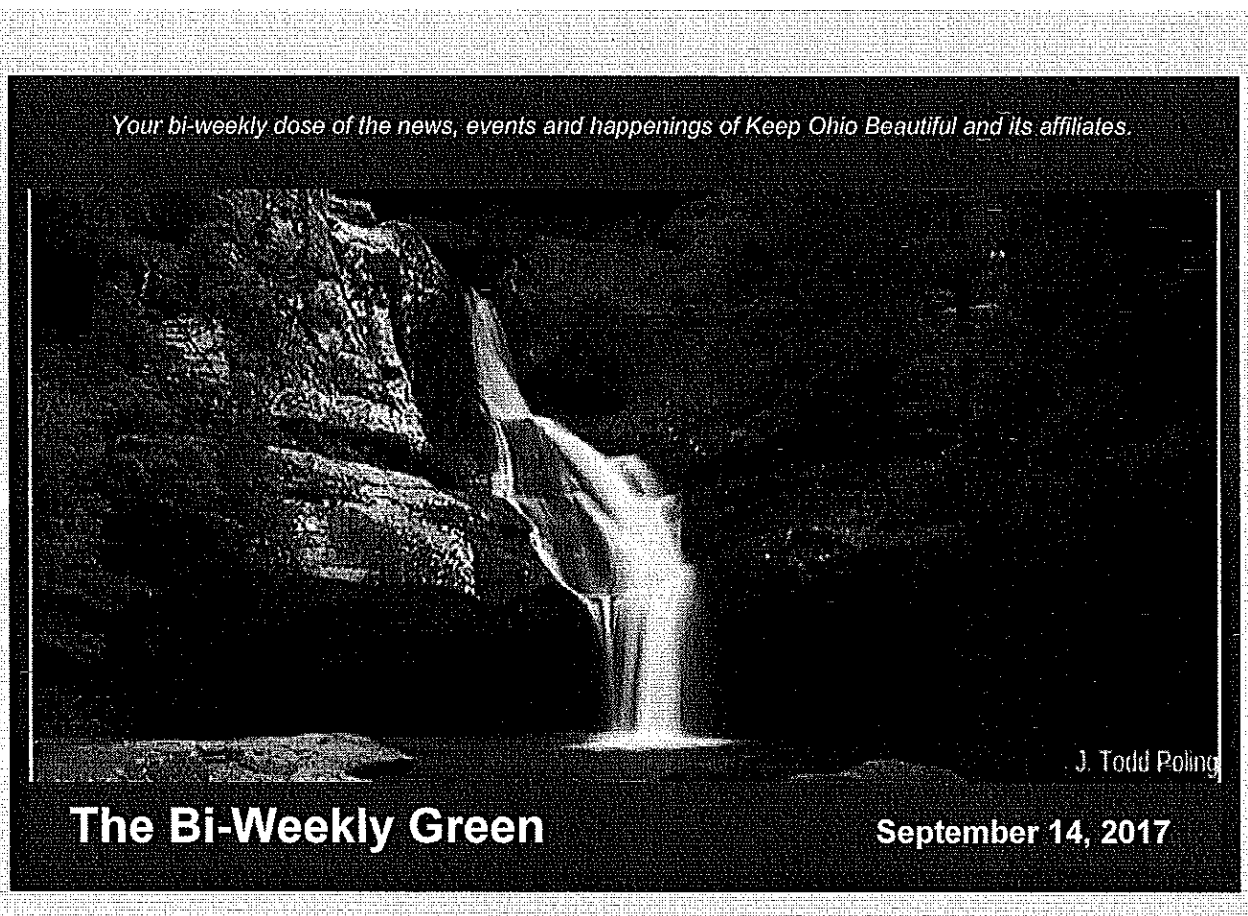
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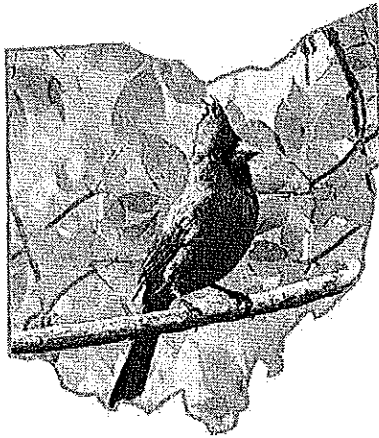
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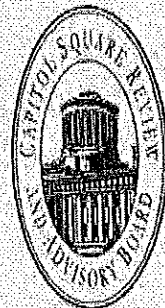
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Keep Ohio Beautiful Day at the Ohio Statehouse

**We would like to invite you and your staff to join us
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At the Ohio Statehouse



Celebrate Keep Ohio Beautiful Day at the Ohio Statehouse

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) in partnership with Keep Ohio Beautiful will celebrate the power of pollinators to support nature and our food supply as part of Keep Ohio Beautiful Day at the Ohio Statehouse **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**. A variety of activities are planned at the Ohio Statehouse, including planting an Ohio Native Pollinator Garden, designed by scientists at The Davey Tree Expert Co. In addition to attracting a variety of pollinators, this garden will provide nectar sources for the beehive installed earlier this year on the Statehouse grounds.

Keep Ohio Beautiful Day celebrates the value and power of native species in restoring ecological balance to the environment while creating greener, more beautiful communities. To commemorate this day, Keep Ohio Beautiful will host a public educational event at the North Plaza of the Ohio Statehouse, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The event will be kicked off by an interactive pollinator educational program with students from Annehurst Elementary presented by senior entomologists from Scotts Miracle-Gro. Following the presentation, Senator Bob Peterson will read to the first and

second grade students. A program with remarks from representatives of the participating organizations is scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m.

The species included in the native pollinator garden were carefully selected by scientists at Davey with assistance from Tamra Ansel, grounds manager with CSRAB. The design plan and herbaceous plants were donated by Davey.

High school students from the Delaware Area Career Center and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center and organizations from throughout the state will be on hand to educate attendees about native plants, pollinators and related subjects. In the case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The event is free and open to the public.



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Keep Ohio Beautiful, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, believes that everyone deserves to live in an environment that is healthy, safe, clean and beautiful. As a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Keep Ohio Beautiful serves as Ohio's umbrella organization for our local 35+ affiliate organizations in numerous Ohio communities. By providing a strong support system and the sharing of best practices, Keep Ohio Beautiful enables volunteers in communities throughout Ohio to improve waste handling practices, litter prevention, recycling, beautification and community greening efforts. Website: keepohiobeautiful.org / Twitter: [Ohiobeautiful](#) / Facebook: [KeepOhioBeautiful](#)

As summer comes to a close, we have officially opened registration for Recycle-Bowl 2017, an exciting and engaging national K-12 competition that aims to invigorate student participation. Below you will find additional key dates for this year's competition, which we encourage you to share with your networks and the local schools within your community.

Keep Ohio Beautiful 2016 Annual Report

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Keep Ohio Beautiful Calendar of Events

Fall State Roadway Cleanup & Beautification Project in Alliance

Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

University of Mount Union, Alliance

Keep Ohio Beautiful Day at the Ohio Statehouse

Wednesday, September 20

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ohio Statehouse grounds

Environmental Law Enforcement Workshop

Friday, November 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

to

3:00

p.m.

Athens, OH - Location TBD

Annual Meeting & Awards Program

Wednesday,

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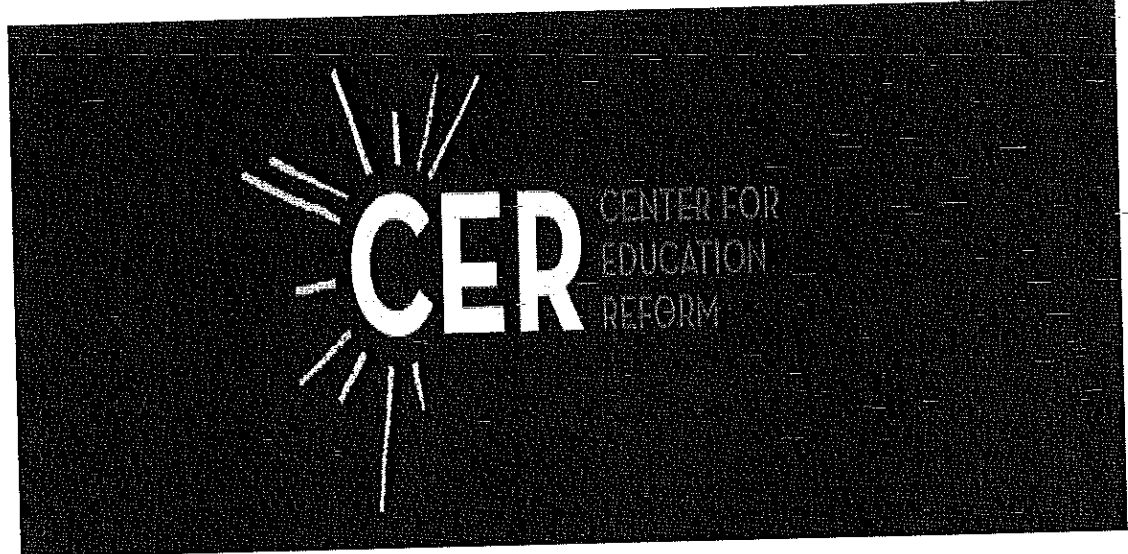
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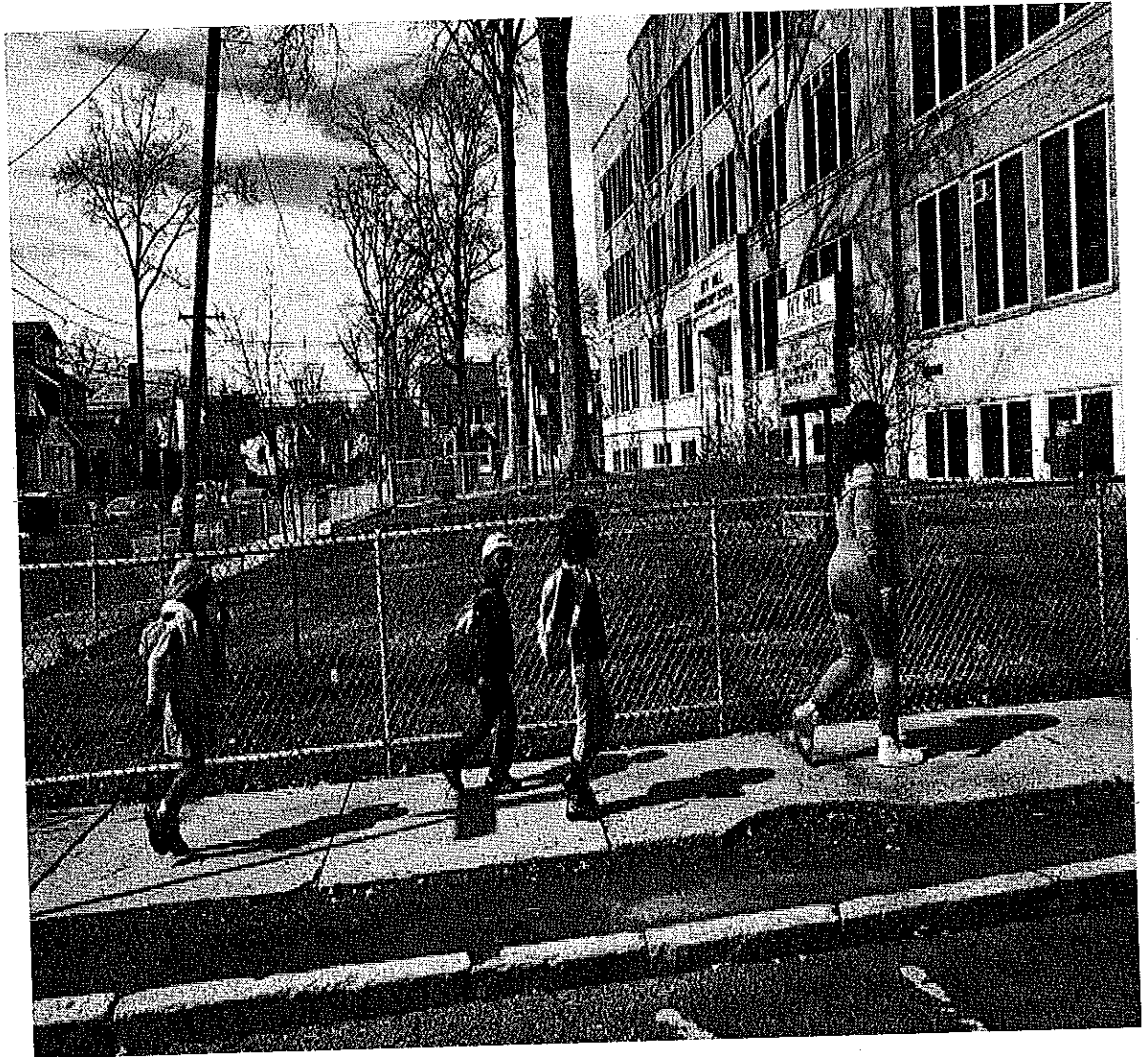
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BLUE STATE CELEBRATION. Leaders of education opportunity in Illinois gathered last night in Chicago to celebrate the first school choice program to ever grace a blue state. One Chance Illinois, the local advocacy group whose work contributed to the historic accomplishment, will lead the effort to implement the tax credit scholarship program, which permits businesses to contribute to organizations whose sole job is to provide scholarships to poor and at-risk kids who would not otherwise have access to private schools. In a city like Chicago, there is no shortage of need, or demand. The school funding bill – which was negotiated by Gov. Rauner and Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, and in the end had the support of the speaker – also equalized funding

for public schools and increased support for charter schools that have been underfunded. For more information go to [INCS](#). Our hearts are full knowing more kids will have opportunity in the Land of Lincoln.

NEWARK'S BACK IN CHARGE. After 20 years of state intervention, the Newark public schools are being "returned" to the district, the same one that sent it into disarray and was largely responsible for corruption, plummeting achievement and permitting unions to control the show. While David Chen writes in "After More Than 20 Years, Newark to Regain Control of Its Schools," that some things have improved in Newark's schools (especially since the growth of charters caused a response and the state pushed hard for results), the old district model isn't the solution. School systems that look like they did 150 years ago don't solve the problem of students lacking the personalization of education they need. Just read Ted Kolderie's *The Split Screen Strategy* if you want to understand that and what to do about it. While "local control" has a nice ring to it, beware of what it really means and who it helps – or hurts.



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DC DOES IT. Newark might take a page out of DC, where the move to mayoral control some 10 years ago, following a dramatic expansion of new schooling opportunities through charter schools and subsequently low income-based scholarships, kicked a system long in disarray into high gear. In fact, it's so noteworthy that even John Oliver (who usually spends most of his time ineffectually maligning great education reforms) sent [#DCPublicSchools](#) trending on Twitter with one comment on the Emmys. DC Schools immediately responded to the applause of its supporters and fans. If only Oliver really knew how much trending DC Schools really means in the landscape of education

reform and the model it is for other communities – especially its charter schools.

WE DON'T NEED NO... INNOVATION. The list of schools eligible for takeover from the North Carolina's Innovative School District (ISD) was released last week, and the effort is on to narrow the list of nearly 50 schools down to just a few that the state will take and partner with an innovative charter school partner in an effort to improve their academic performance. "Don't come to us," says Durham and Johnston counties, which have asked to be excluded from consideration. The schools are being considered for the ISD because their performance scores are among the lowest five percent in state, so it's not like this is a case of mistaken eligibility that they don't need help. It's more a matter of who gets control. As Lt. Gov. Dan Forest puts it, 'some turf wars' between the ISD and local school systems were probably inevitable. But, he said, taking a 'calculated risk' was necessary to help low-performing schools. "It's a brand new strategy in our state [and] a brand new opportunity to look at how do we really create a model that I think others can follow in how state and local communities partner together to improve outcomes for kids."

PARENT POWER IN MINNESOTA. In an interesting (although not surprising) look at the impact of parental choice on public school enrollment in Minnesota, The Star-Tribune reports that "Last year, about 132,000 Minnesota students enrolled in schools outside their home district, four times the number making that choice in 2000." Among the many "wow" data points discussed in the article is the fact that = 2In Minneapolis and St. Paul, the number of students leaving has almost doubled in the past decade, and total enrollment is plunging. Both cities now lose a third of their school-age population to other districts or charter schools." Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change, says that parents for do what's best for their children and = 2people of all races deserve options." Well said.

SPEAKING OF PARENT POWER: CER'S latest Index of Parent Power in the states is coming soon, with detailed analysis of what states offer it, how and what you can do to seize control of your own education. Stay tuned!

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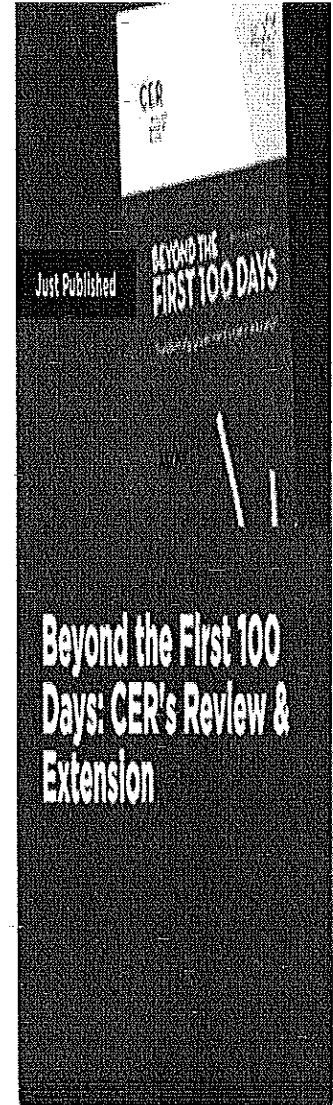
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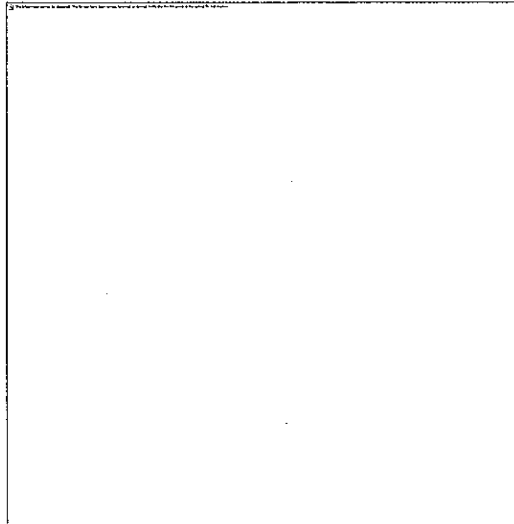


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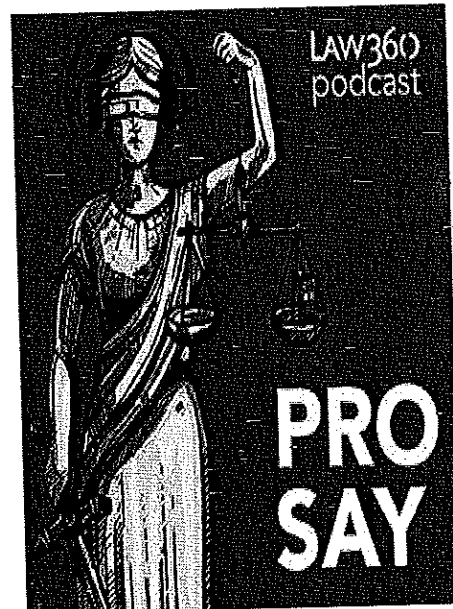
The White House started a public push for the latest Affordable Care Act repeal bill Tuesday as the Senate dropped bipartisan reform efforts. [Read more »](#)

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'Corporate Integration' Plan May Be Part Of Tax Reform Talks

The top-secret tax reform meetings between congressional leaders and administration officials may include proposals to integrate corporate and individual income tax laws to prevent double taxation of corporate income — an idea corporations may be ambivalent about, even if it reduces their tax burden, as it could create pressure to make more shareholder distributions. [Read more »](#)

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Senate Approves Trump's Solicitor General Pick

The Senate approved President Donald Trump's pick for his top U.S. Supreme Court advocate Tuesday, confirming onetime Jones Day partner Noel Francisco as solicitor general. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

3 Takeaways From The Sanctuary City Grant Criteria Ruling

The Trump administration suffered another setback in its battle against so-called sanctuary cities last week, when an Illinois federal judge blocked two immigration-related conditions on certain public safety grants. Here, Law360 looks at three big takeaways from the ruling. [Read more »](#)

EEOC Noms Stress Negotiation, Guidance At Senate Hearing

Nominees to fill two Equal Employment Opportunity Commission vacancies said they would emphasize guidance and negotiation over lawsuits at a largely collegial Senate confirmation hearing Tuesday, but would not commit to standing by the agency's stance that Title VII bars employers from discriminating against the LGBTQ community. [Read more »](#)

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Dodd-Frank Rollbacks May Lead To Bank Failures, Panel Says

A panel of former top financial regulators, policymakers and academics warned the Trump administration on Tuesday that some of the recommendations it's made for rolling back bank rules under Dodd-Frank and other laws could make it harder to prevent the collapse of global financial firms and mitigate the damage. Read more »

CFPB Missed Chance To Punish Wells Fargo: House Repubs

House Republicans on Tuesday said that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau passed on the chance to fine Wells Fargo & Co. at least \$10 billion and investigate additional fraudulent account generation when the bureau entered into a settlement with the bank last year. Read more »

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Senate Panel Advances Key Energy Noms

The U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday advanced the nominations of two Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioners, including President Donald Trump's pick to lead the agency, as well as the Department of the Interior's land and minerals management boss and its solicitor, and the Department of Energy's top lawyer. Read more »

Trump EPA Nominee Set To Argue Against Silica Rules

President Trump's nominee to serve as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's assistant administrator of air and radiation, currently a Hunton & Williams partner, is

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scheduled to argue before the D.C. Circuit against new rules reducing silica exposure in the construction industry, a Tuesday docket entry revealed. [Read more »](#)

Sierra Club Sues EPA Over 'Unprecedented' FOIA Delays

The Sierra Club is suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in D.C. federal court for stonewalling multiple Freedom of Information Act requests, in what the environmental group calls an “unprecedented” pattern of obstruction and unresponsiveness at the agency. [Read more »](#)

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Mass. Opioid Substitution Law A Nice Idea, But Falls Short

A 2014 Massachusetts law requiring pharmacists to substitute abuse-deterrent opioids for their standard counterparts is set to go into effect relatively soon, but growing doubts about the benefits of these drugs mean the law may not help much in fighting the opioid crisis, experts say. [Read more »](#)

Pa. AG Touts Efforts Regarding Trump, Equifax, Opioid Makers

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Tuesday outlined the broad activist agenda he has been pursuing since taking over the scandal-plagued office in January, touting his readiness to confront the Trump administration and the state's role at the lead of several multistate investigations into corporate malfeasance. [Read more »](#)

'Smears' Evidence Not Allowed In Menendez Trial, Judge Says

The New Jersey federal judge presiding over the bribery trial of Sen. Bob Menendez and a Florida ophthalmologist denied a defense bid Tuesday to let jurors see parts of public statements where the senator denied

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Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Reserve System
Federal Trade Commission
Food and Drug Administration
Illinois Department of Revenue
Illinois Supreme Court
Internal Revenue Service
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NAFTA
National Economic Council
National Labor Relations Board
National Nuclear Security Administration
National Railroad Passenger Corporation
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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allegations that he had engaged with prostitutes, saying such material is irrelevant. Read more »

REAL ESTATE

Analysis

Fla. Building Code Improvements A Bright Spot During Irma

With its impact felt from Key West to Jacksonville, Hurricane Irma delivered Florida a mighty blow, but building industry experts say the storm's destruction would have been much worse if not for stronger building codes and regulations enacted after the devastation of Hurricane Andrew 25 years ago. Read more »

EMPLOYMENT

Wis. Appeals Court OKs 'Right-To-Work' Law

A Wisconsin state appeals court overturned a lower court ruling that nullified the state's so-called right-to-work law Tuesday, saying that blocking employers from making workers pay dues as a condition of employment is not "taking" union property under the Wisconsin Constitution. Read more »

Lawmakers Urge Trump To Fight Unfair Labor Practices

Four Democratic legislators on Tuesday urged the Trump administration to work on countering foreign labor practices they say cost U.S. jobs and undercut American workers. Read more »

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

DOD Issues Interim Guidance On Transgender Service

U.S. military service members will no longer be eligible to undergo gender reassignment surgery after March 2018, according to interim guidance from Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to Department of Defense officials amid a policy

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review for implementation of President Donald Trump's order of a renewed ban on transgender service members. [Read more »](#)

GOP Lawmaker Applauds Trump's Defense Spending Plug

Texas Republican Mac Thornberry on Tuesday cheered President Donald Trump's shout-out to congressional efforts to boost defense spending up to \$700 billion, saying the increase is needed to rebuild U.S. defense capabilities. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Analysis

Territorial Tax Proposal Leaves Many Open Questions

Most tax practitioners and congressional leaders predict tax reform will shift toward a territorial system in which companies are taxed only on their U.S. source income, but the specifics — and their impact on multinational companies — remain a huge area of uncertainty. [Read more »](#)

Inversions To Cost US \$12B By 2027, CBO Says

The continued use of corporate inversions and profit shifting by multinational companies will result in a 2.5 percent decrease in U.S. corporate tax receipts by 2027, the Congressional Budget Office said Monday. [Read more »](#)

Ill. Fights To Keep Citibank From Seeking \$1.6M Tax Refund

In a last-ditch effort Tuesday, the Illinois Department of Revenue argued to the state's Supreme Court that credit card companies should not be eligible to seek tax refunds under Illinois law, something lenders like Citibank dispute in the bank's quest to get a \$1.6 million refund from the state. [Read more »](#)

Ex-CEO Can't Claim \$40M Loss Deduction, Tax Court Says

The U.S. Tax Court on Monday upheld the IRS's decision to deny a nearly \$40 million deduction that a former investment firm CEO had sought based on losses from foreign currency trades, finding that the losses had been artificially generated "by gaming the tax code." [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Calif., NY Move On Protections For Immigrants

California and New York in recent days enacted various protections for immigrants through legislation and an executive order, with lawmakers saying they are acting in response to the Trump administration's policies. [Read more »](#)

Hawaii Tells Justices Travel Ban 'Masked' In 'Sheep's Clothing'

Hawaii has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to do away with the Trump administration's travel ban for nationals of six predominantly Muslim countries, saying the president has used his "claim of absolute authority" to carry out a ban that's "clumsily masked in an article or two of sheep's clothing." [Read more »](#)

VC Group Sues Over Delay Of Entrepreneur Immigration Rule

The National Venture Capital Association filed a lawsuit Tuesday alleging the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services failed to follow proper procedures when they delayed a rule that would have allowed foreign entrepreneurs to live in the U.S. just a week before it was set to take hold. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Free Internet Advocates Criticize Sex Trafficking Bill

Internet advocates urged lawmakers to reconsider a controversial anti-sex trafficking bill that would hold tech companies accountable for not doing enough to combat child sex trafficking facilitation on their sites, arguing that it would stifle innovation, in a Senate hearing Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

As Medical Food Industry Grows, So May FDA Scrutiny

An important regulatory advantage enjoyed by "medical food" products is the ability to make affirmative claims that a particular medical food may assist in treatment or management of a disease condition. But the category is poised to attract increased attention from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, says Kyle Diamantas of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC. [Read more »](#)

CFIUS Continues To Present Obstacle To Chinese Acquisitions

Although presidential intervention to block a planned acquisition is relatively rare, President Donald Trump's executive order last week blocking Canyon from acquiring Lattice was not especially surprising in light of recent precedent, the cautious approach of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and public statements by the Trump administration regarding China, say attorneys with Ropes & Gray LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Analysis

Why Firms Are Throwing Money At Associate Retention

Quinn Emanuel's recent decision to pass out bonuses to high-billing associates who remain loyal to the law firm reflects and exemplifies a changing legal marketplace where mid-level attorneys are increasingly difficult to retain and

the goals of young lawyers are in flux. Read more »

White Men Get Biggest Pay Bump From Law Degrees

A law degree offers a springboard to a higher salary for all graduates, but research out Tuesday reveals that springboard is more powerful for white graduates than minorities and launches men farther than women. Read more »

Hogan Lovells Shrinks In UK, Offers US Staff Early Retirement

Hogan Lovells invited 400 of its U.S. business services staff to opt for early retirement Monday and eliminated 90 staff positions from the global law firm's London office, moving many to low-cost hubs outside the city. Read more »

Gibson Dunn Trims Ex-Billing Workers' Discrimination Suit

A California judge on Tuesday tentatively trimmed three Fair Employment and Housing Act claims from a lawsuit alleging Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP maintains a hostile work environment for older workers in its billing department, but refused to throw out an intentional infliction of emotional distress claim. Read more »

Global 20: Norton Rose Fulbright

Norton Rose Fulbright continued to expand its global presence in the past year while playing a key role in groundbreaking mining projects in Guinea, helping land the firm on Law360's Global 20 list. Read more »

Series

My Supreme Court Debut: A 1st Time For Everything

My first argument before the U.S. Supreme Court was unusual in that it was also my first argument in any court of any kind, says

estimates before procedures would slow down patient care.

But Jerry Friedman, a retired health policy adviser for the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, said the opposition doesn't stem from genuine concern about patients but from a desire to keep the secret rates that providers have negotiated with insurers under wraps. Transparency would mean explaining to consumers why the hospital charged them \$1,000 for a test, he said, adding that providers = 3 don't want to expose this house of cards they've built between hospital physician industry and the insurance industry."

Rep. Jim Butler, an Oakwood Republican who authored the law, said, "If you really want patients to be empowered, they really need the information."

The law's next test will come in August, when the first court hearing on the association's lawsuit is scheduled. The Kasich administration said it couldn't comment on the law because of the pending litigation.

State OKs additional \$6 million for medical marijuana set up

The State Controlling Board, a legislative panel that oversees state expenditures, on Monday approved an additional \$6 million to pay for startup expenses for the Ohio Medical Marijuana Program (Source: "**Medical marijuana set-up costing Ohio taxpayers \$6 million more.**" Columbus Dispatch, July 25, 2017).

In separate votes, the board approved an additional \$1.6 million for the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and \$4.4 million for the Ohio Commerce Department. Both agencies are involved in setting up the new program to permit the sale of medical marijuana to qualifying patients by September 2018.

The money earmarked for the Board of Pharmacy will be used to hire a consultant to create a scoring system to approve marijuana dispensary licenses, pay for a toll-free hotline and cover anticipated legal expenses, according to Controlling Board documents. The Commerce Department said it will use the new money primarily for a "seed-to-sale" database tracking program related to the planting, harvest, processing and sale of medical marijuana and products

containing it to people with any of 21 specified diseases, medical conditions and chronic pain.

About \$5 million was previously approved by the Controlling Board for related startup expenses. State agencies that they expect to be able to repay some of the advance money from licenses and fees when the program is up and running.

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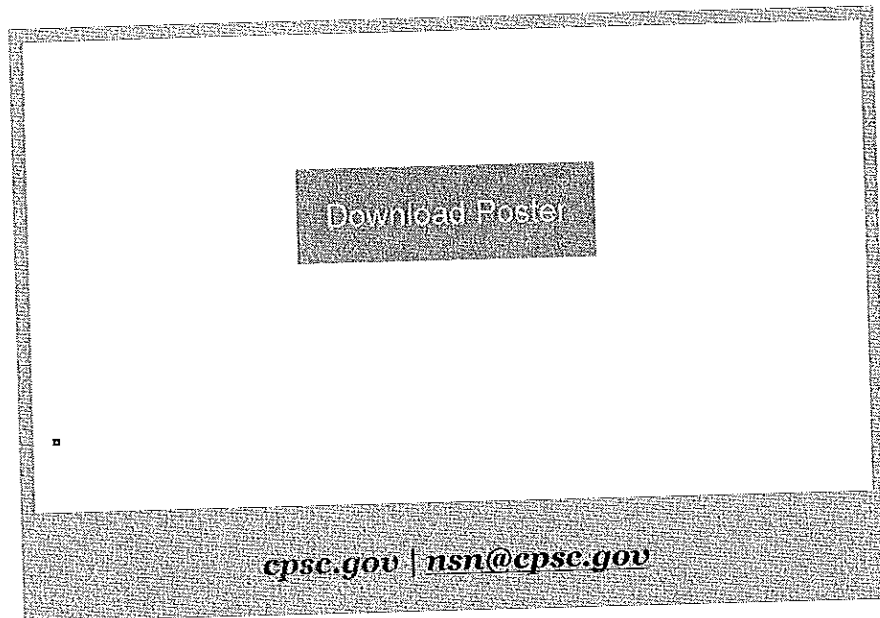
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Do Your Mowing Habits Need a Makeover?

Hi Neighbor,
Mowing the lawn is a weekend summertime ritual for many. But this routine task requires some careful consideration about safety. CPSC estimates between 2014 and 2016 an average of 36,000 people were treated each year in hospital emergency rooms for mower injuries. Avoid mower mishaps by following our safety tips below.

Fact Sheet



HANNAH NEWS UPDATE: House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes But Leaves Medicaid Expansion Question Pending

This morning, the House of Representatives overrode 11 of the governor's 47 budget vetoes, seven of which addressed various aspects of the Medicaid program. However, the veto of the freeze on Medicaid expansion has been left pending. See Thursday's *Hannah Report* for more details.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Comment Survey

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of MCH populations. The MCH Block Grant provides a foundation for funding services to ensure the health of Ohio's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

The Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Improvement and Wellness (OHIW), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, is charged with administering the Title V MCH Block Grant Program in Ohio. Part of that charge

involves soliciting feedback annually regarding the strategies, objectives, activities and performance measures used to address the most critical needs for MCH populations across Ohio. We are currently in the second year of a 5-year cycle. The strategies submitted in this year's Block Grant application are the basis for our work over the 5-year period. We invite and encourage you to take the survey and share your comments with us.

Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlockGrantSurvey> to access the survey. This survey is open for a 30 day public comment period.

Please share this information with your staff and stakeholders (local organizations, advisory groups, sub grantees, consumer groups, etc.) across the state. We ask that you let us know who you have forwarded this announcement to so we can track our outreach.

Attend HPIO's forum "Linking health and wealth: How economic vitality can lead to healthier Ohioans"

In order to be healthy, we all need the opportunity to earn a sufficient income and live in affordable, safe neighborhoods. As health care providers, insurers and health departments increasingly are held accountable for improving population health, addressing poverty and foster economic vitality becomes even more important. Policymakers often cite the state's economic climate, however opinions on how to best accomplish this goal vary.

This forum explores state policy options to improve health outcomes and health equity by increasing economic development, labor force participation and income mobility.

Speakers include:

- * **Anjum Hajat**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- * **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- * **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- * **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- * **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- * And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) Registration begins at 9:00 with program starting at 9:30. General attendance fee is \$65

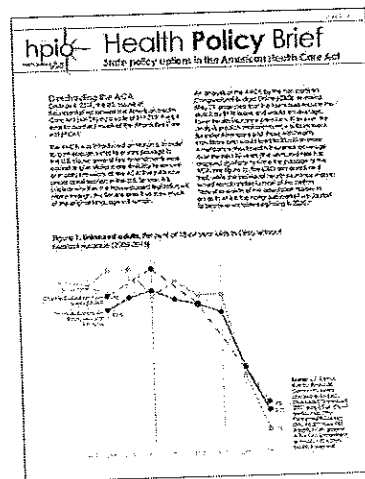
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HPIO has a limited number of PARTIAL scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Hailey Akah at hakah@hpio.net.

HPIO brief explores American Health Care Act decisions for states

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released its latest policy brief, "**State policy options in the American Health Care Act.**"

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, a bill aimed at overhauling much of the Affordable Care Act. Although the AHCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "repeal and replace" the ACA, it leaves many of the decisions to alter the 2010 health reform law in the hands of states.



Given the considerable flexibility in the AHCA for states, Ohio policymakers will have additional policy options available to them if the current bill is signed into law. The new HPIO publication highlights some of the areas in which Ohio policymakers will encounter new decision points.

In addition, the publication estimates changes to 2017 individual marketplace premiums had ACA provisions been in place during the most-recent open enrollment period. **County profiles** with estimated premiums for various ages and incomes, as well as county-level marketplace enrollment data, are posted for a number of Ohio counties.



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Funding

OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017, 5:00 pm ET | Access a recording of the [Informational webinar](#).

Federal Grants

- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Substance Abuse Treatment Telehealth Network Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to health care services, particularly substance abuse treatment services, in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. Deadline is August 23, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI): US Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R01) Research Project Grant. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is September 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 8, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/NIH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for 'Programs to Increase Diversity among Individuals Engaged in Health Related Research' (PRIDE) Summer Institutes (R25). Estimated publication date of announcement is December 2017. [Learn more](#).

Non-Federal Grants

- Truth Initiative: 2017 Tobacco-Free College Program for Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions. Deadline is October 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 16, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

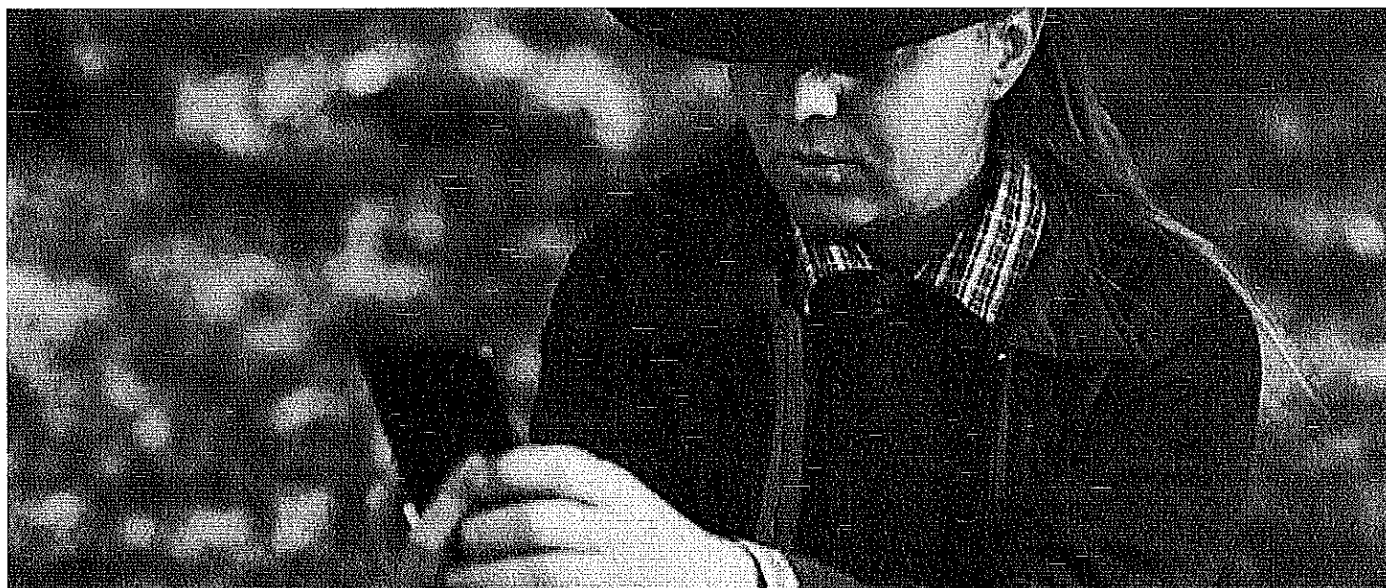
- Study.com: Scholarship for Hispanics. To participate in this scholarship contest, applicants must meet the following criteria: They must be a US Citizen or Permanent US Resident, must be enrolled (or accepted) in an accredited college or university, and must be of Hispanic descent. Deadline is April 1, 2018. [Learn more](#).

OMHRC at Local Conferences

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- OMHRC will be at the [American Association of Diabetes Educators](#) (AADE) conference, **August 4-6** in Indianapolis, IN. Come visit us at booth #2034!

American Indian/Alaska Native Health



Oversampling Study

- HHS/OMH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Call for participation in the 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Oversampling Study (BRFSS). This phone survey aims to increase understanding of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, access to care and use of preventive services in AI/AN populations. The states participating in the oversampling study are: Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. [Learn more.](#)

Events

- HHS/Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS): All Tribe's Call. Technical Assistance and Outreach on Medicaid Billing and Payment for Services Provided Outside the Four Walls by Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal Employees and Non-IHS Providers. The purpose of this call is to provide technical assistance and a better understanding of the process for Tribes interested in enrolling as Medicaid Federally Qualified Health Centers. August 9, 2017, 2:30 pm ET. [Register.](#)
- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Promoting Health Equity through Programs and Policies webinar series. Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done by NPA and the [National Indian Health Board](#) at the national level as well as by local health care providers, such as the [Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center](#), to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. August 24, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register.](#)

Black and African American Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- AEIMforward Tech-Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Cultural Competence and CLAS

Events

- Cross Cultural Health Care Program: Training. *Bridging the Gap Training of Trainers Institute*. This Training of Trainers (TOT) class is appropriate for staff of agencies and organizations that employ interpreters in medical and/or social service settings. The TOT class will provide participants with the curriculum, skills, and expertise necessary to offer Bridging the Gap in their home organizations. October 16-20, 2017 in Seattle, WA. [Learn more](#).

Health Disparities

Events

- Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI): Registration now open for the *RCMI Translational Science 2017 Conference*. This event presents opportunities to share new approaches toward eliminating health disparities and developing the next generation of biomedical scientists. October 28-November 1, 2017 in Washington, DC. [Register](#).

Hispanic/Latino Health

Events

- The Latino Commission: Registration is open for the 5th Annual Central Valley Latino Conference, *Strengthening the Roots*. The conference will feature workshop presentations

on mental health, behavioral health, and cultural competency for professionals serving the Hispanic/Latino community. August 24-25, 2017 in Visalia, CA. [Register](#).

Infectious Diseases

Resources

- HHS/CDC: *Zika Topic of the Week* widget. This widget offers helpful and timely information on the Zika virus. Download in [English](#) | Download in [Spanish](#).



Public Health

Events

- HHS and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) recognize **August** as *National Immunization Awareness Month* (NIAM). This national health observance highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. The 2017 NIAM Toolkit, developed by the CDC and NPHIC, includes sample key messages, media materials, social media messages, FAQs, and resources you can use to support the observance. [Learn more](#).
- SKC Center for Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas: Registration now open for the 2017 Public Health Training Conference, *Connecting Community, Culture and Care*. This conference will address critical disease prevention and control strategies to promote, protect, and improve the health of communities while integrating local culture into comprehensive patient care. August 15-16, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. [Register](#).

Substance Use



Resources

- HHS/CDC: Online training. *Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids: An Online Training Series for Healthcare Providers*. This online training series aims to help health professionals apply CDC's [recommendations](#)[Learn more](#).

Workforce Development

Events

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW): Workforce Grand Rounds webinar series. *Strengthening the Health Workforce Education Pipeline: Tools, Resources and Outcomes*. This webinar will increase awareness of health workforce education pipeline programs and share best practices regarding the need to recruit and retain students from disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented minorities. August 15, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Learn more](#).

Job Opportunities

OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Immunization Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety*, subtitled *Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence, and Future Studies*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This book identifies research approaches, methodologies, and study designs that could address

questions about the safety of the current child immunization schedule. The full text book is available free online. To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).

Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
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**State of Mental Health Disparities
in the African American
Community Conference**

The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma



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WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

**Research and Reduce Mental Health Disparities in
the African American Community, at
August Conference**

Cleveland made national headlines in April, when Steve Stephens randomly murdered Robert Godwin and posted video of the act to Facebook. When Stephens took his own life, at the end of a widely publicized two-day manhunt, that was the end of the story for many.

For mental health professionals, however, the story doesn't end there and certainly didn't begin just two days earlier. According to specialists, a long build-up frequently precedes seemingly sudden outbursts of violence. Yet America's mental health system fails minorities, including African Americans like Stephens, more often than the population as a whole.

Health professionals have recognized this disparity for years, and identified various factors at work. Yvonka Hall of Cleveland hopes to facilitate bringing these strands of research together to produce practical solutions.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, which Hall leads, is presenting the "State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference: The Case for Correcting

Plenary Panel Presenters

Creating a Well Rounded Approach to Address African American Mental Health Starts with Community Organizations



Cheryl A. Boyce,
MS
Ohio Federation
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and Social
Justice

Cultural Trauma" in August. "We saw the need for a comprehensive approach to the issues impacting the community as a whole," says Hall.

Both trauma and cultural competency are among the factors which experts see disadvantaging the African American community. The University of Connecticut's Center for Mental Health Disparities says that "many ethnoracial minorities experience cumulative experiences of racism as traumatic, with perhaps a minor event acting as 'the last straw' in triggering trauma reactions." Yet many clinicians overlook the cumulative effect of ongoing racial discrimination, they add.

In combination with other cultural blind spots, systemic barriers including cost have held back effective mental health care for minority communities, according to the American Psychological Association.

Hall says that the August conference will be an opportunity not only to catch up on these issues, but to do real work developing better responses. "The conference will examine the state of mental health disparities through historical documentation, systems exploration and personal testimonies," she says.

"This conference is a unique blend of the issues but also includes solutions," too, says Hall. A range of expert panelists will join attendees in breakout sessions, to explore policy responses



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for every level, from local communities up to state and national programs.

Nationally recognized award-winning author Julius Bailey, Ph.D., will be part of the conference. Its line-up also includes Ohio state Senator Charleta B. Taveres, and the chair of Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing, Faye A. Gary, Ed.D, RN, FAAN. A community organizations panel discussion will feature the NAACP and groups from around the country.

The State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference begins at noon on Friday, August 18, and continues on August 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference will take place at Doubletree by Hilton, 3663 Park East Drive in Beachwood. (To book accommodation at a conference rate, guests may call 216-464-5950.)

Conference registration is \$100, which includes breakfast, lunch and program materials. Professional CEUs are also available in several fields. Guests can register online at mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com or by mail; checks should be made to NEO Black Health Coalition, PO Box 221442, Beachwood, OH 44122.

For more information, call 216-295-0283 or visit neoblackhealthcoalition.org.

About Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition



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**Breakout
Session Presenters**

NEO Black Health Coalition's vision is to achieve health parity (equality) in the African American/Black population

NEOBHC's mission is to address disparities and inequities in education, employment housing, health and the impact on African American health disparities by working to empower, educate and advocate for under-served populations.

About Yvonka Hall

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She is a nationally recognized health disparities expert and serves as an advisor to numerous organizations.

The 1974 murder of her mother dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has lead to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. After the murders of her mother Yvonne, younger brother Antoine and best friend Tracey, she dedicated her life to working for the disenfranchised.

She served as Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and the Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. She is a graduate of Texas Southern University and Notre Dame College of Ohio. She has the distinguished honor of being a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow.

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**Coming Home:
PTSD and
African American
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According to the U.S. HHS on Minority Health:

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African American teenagers are more likely to attempt suicide than are white teenagers.

**Let's change the conversation and end
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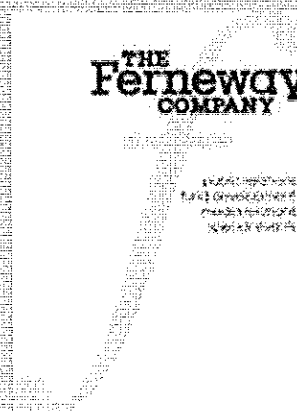


**Being Close to
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